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To provide for a four year demonstration project under Medicare which shall establish a preventive health care screening examination program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REGULA (for himself and Mr. HUGHES) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH**
4 **CARE EXAMINATIONS.**

5 (a) COVERAGE OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE EX-
6 AMINATIONS.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Security
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended by inserting
8 “and” at the end of paragraph (M) and adding at the end
9 thereof the following:

1 “(N) colon cancer preventive screening ex-
2 amination which shall be limited to either fecal
3 occult blood tests on an annual basis, or
4 sigmoidoscopy examination on an biannual
5 basis, furnished to an individual to assist in the
6 preventive and early diagnose of colon cancer;
7 and

8 “(O) physical examination, associated
9 blood tests, and such other tests performed by
10 a physician, or qualified health care profes-
11 sional, on an annual basis in the preventive and
12 early diagnose of prostate cancer; and

13 “(P) bone mass measurements (including
14 but not limited to radiographic absorptiometry,
15 single-energy photon absorptiometry or single-
16 energy x-ray absorptiometry, dual-energy x-ray
17 absorptiometry and quantitative computed to-
18 mography), and such other tests as deemed ap-
19 propriate by the Secretary of Health and
20 Human Services, in the preventive and early di-
21 agnose of osteoporosis.”.

22 (b) CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE; DEMONSTRA-
23 TION PROJECT.—

1 (1) The amendments made by this section shall
2 become effective (if at all) in accordance with para-
3 graph (2).

4 (2) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
5 ices (in this paragraph referred to as the “Sec-
6 retary”) shall establish a demonstration project to
7 begin on October 1, 1994, to test the cost-effective-
8 ness of furnishing colon, prostate, and uterine can-
9 cer preventive screening examinations (in this para-
10 graph referred to as “preventive health care exami-
11 nations”) under the medicare program to the extent
12 provided under the amendments made by this sec-
13 tion to a sample group of medicare beneficiaries.

14 (B)(i) The demonstration project under
15 subparagraph (A) shall be conducted for an ini-
16 tial period of twenty-four months. Not later
17 than October 1, 1996, the Secretary shall re-
18 port to the Congress on the results of such
19 project. If the Secretary finds, on the basis of
20 existing data, that furnishing any of these ex-
21 aminations under the Medicare program to the
22 extent provided under the amendments made by
23 this section is cost-effective, and useful in de-
24 creasing incidents of such cancers, the Sec-
25 retary shall include such finding in such report,

1 such project shall be discontinued, and the
2 amendments made by this section shall become
3 effective on November 1, 1966.

4 (ii) If the Secretary determines that such
5 finding cannot be made on the basis of existing
6 data, such project shall continue for an addi-
7 tional twenty-four months. Not later than April
8 1, 1998, the Secretary shall submit a final re-
9 port to Congress on the results of such project.
10 The amendments made by this section shall be-
11 come effective on the first day of the first
12 month to begin after such report is submitted
13 to the Congress unless the report contains a
14 finding by the Secretary that furnishing preven-
15 tive health care examinations under the amend-
16 ments made by this section is not cost effective
17 or does not reduce the incidence of such cancers
18 (in which case the amendments made by this
19 section shall not become effective).

20 (3) In conducting the demonstration project in
21 order to determine the cost effectiveness and effec-
22 tiveness in reducing the incidence of such cancers of
23 including preventive health care examinations in the
24 medicare program, the Secretary is required to con-
25 duct a demonstration of the provision of preventive

1 health care examinations as a service for medicare
2 beneficiaries and to expend \$15,000,000 each year
3 of the demonstration project for this purpose. In
4 conducting this demonstration, the Secretary is au-
5 thorized to reimburse for such services in large scale
6 demonstration projects, including statewide projects.
7 In determining cost effectiveness, the Secretary shall
8 consider the direct cost of providing such services,
9 the utilization of such services which might other-
10 wise not have occurred, the costs of illnesses and
11 nursing home days avoided, and other relevant fac-
12 tors, except that extended life for beneficiaries shall
13 not be considered to reduce the cost effectiveness of
14 preventive health care examinations.

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